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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the following:

1. Response (2 pages).

If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 13, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

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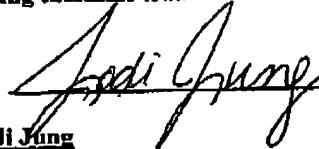
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